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**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

In re:

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP OF  
SAN FRANCISCO,

Debtor.

Chapter 11

Bankruptcy Case No. 23-30564

**JOINT NOTICE OF APPEAL AND STATEMENT OF ELECTION**

**Part 1: Identify the appellant(s)**

1. Name(s) of appellant(s): Chicago Insurance Company, Fireman's Fund Insurance Company, Westport Insurance Corporation f/k/a Employers Reinsurance Corporation, and Appalachian Insurance Company
2. Position of appellant(s) in the adversary proceeding or bankruptcy case that is subject of this appeal:

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For appeals in an adversary proceeding	For appeals in a bankruptcy case
<input type="checkbox"/> Plaintiff	<input type="checkbox"/> Debtor
<input type="checkbox"/> Defendant	<input type="checkbox"/> Creditor
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe)	<input type="checkbox"/> Trustee
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (describe) <u>Parties In Interest</u>

**Part 2: Identify the subject of this appeal**

- Describe the judgement – or the appealable order or decree – from which the appeal is taken: Docket Text Order Granting Motion to Approve Compromise and Stipulation Modifying the Automatic Stay [ECF 1285], attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.
- State the date in which the judgment – or the appealable order or decree – was entered:  
September 2, 2025.

**Part 3: Identify the other parties to the appeal**

List the names of all parties to the judgment – or appealable order or decree – from which the appeal is taken and the names, address, and telephone numbers of their attorneys (attach additional pages if necessary):

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**Part 4: Optional election to have appeal heard by District Court (applicable only to certain districts)**

If a Bankruptcy Appellate Panel is available in this judicial district, the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel will hear this appeal unless, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 158(c)(1), a party elects to have the appeal heard by the United States District Court. If an appellant filing this notice wishes to have the appeal heard by the United States District Court, check below. Do not check the box if the

1 appellant wishes the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel to hear the appeal.

2 ☒ Appellant(s) elect to have the appeal heard by the United States District Court rather  
3 than by the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel

4 **Part 5: Sign Below**

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Exhibit A

*Text Order Granting Debtor's Motion to Approve Compromise and Stipulation Modifying the  
Automatic Stay*



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**U.S. Bankruptcy Court**

**California Northern Bankruptcy Court**

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**Case Name:** The Roman Catholic Archbishop of San Francisco

**Case Number:** [23-30564](#)

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**DOCKET TEXT ORDER** (no separate order issued:) Granted The court has considered the Motion To Approve Compromise, etc (Dkt 1285), the Objection and Joinder (Dkts 1302 & 1303) and the Replies by Debtor and the OCC (Dkts 1311 & 1315). It is worthy of note that not a single abuse claimant whose action will remain stayed has objected. The motion is well-taken, easily satisfies the A & C test by considering and weighing the factors, as the court does independently here, and represents a needed, good faith settlement of a bona-fide dispute. The objectors, assuming they even have standing, have shown no meaningful prejudice. The OCC did not unilaterally select the test cases. What other courts have done in similar cases is interesting but not controlling. The demand letters, if they even would be prohibited by the automatic stay, which is far from clear, are to some extent pass-throughs from the debtor as a conduit to the insurers, who cannot be surprised or harmed by them. All other objections are **OVERRULED** and the matter is **DROPPED** from the September 4 calendar. The 14-day stay is waived. Debtor should serve and upload an appropriate order **GRANTING** the motion for the reasons stated in it and in this docket text order. (RE: related document(s)[1285] Motion to Approve Document filed by Debtor The Roman Catholic Archbishop of San Francisco). (Montali, Dennis)